

DEAR MISS DASH . . .

Continued

to make them the holidays I had measles. But it will have to be a shop cake. I had a bash at cake-making and produced a sort of balloon that subsided into a pancake when I took it out of the oven. Aunt Elspeth said it was too much baking powder. I remember thinking four tablespoons a bit too much. No hard-boiled eggs, I promise you.

Does it entice you? I hope so. Look here, do come. You can apologise all over again and I'll forgive you and we'll go on from there. One small matter: I'd rather you didn't bring Aunt Muriel. You know how my herbaceous border affects her.

Yours hopefully,
Michael.

Flat 6,
September 23rd

Dear Michael,

How kind of you; I'd love to come. Would next Saturday be all right? I think it is awfully clever of you to make scones—mine always go soggy in the middle. Don't bother to buy a cake; I'll bring some shortbread. I'm quite good at making it. I think even Aunt Elspeth would approve.

Yours,
Rebecca.

B. Cot.
September 25th

Dear Rebecca,

How absolutely marvellous! I hope the sun shines on Saturday, so you can see the bracken and the bits of the beech trees which are a sort of dull rose-colour. If it rains, I shall show you how to make scones.

You know, shortbread is my favourite. Shall we swap recipes?

I'll meet you at the bus stop with the car—yellow, about the same age as Aunt Elspeth, but still going strong. Shall I wear a few fronds of bracken, or will you be able to pick out a nondescript male with potato-coloured hair and large feet? I have rather nice grey eyes—or so I have been told!

Hurry up, Saturday! As ever,
Michael.

Flat 6,
September 26th

Dear Michael,

This is just to say I'll be looking out for the feet and grey eyes. You will have to look for a green coat. By the way, Aunt Muriel says my eyes are quite unnaturally green.

See you Saturday,
Rebecca.

Bram. Cot.
September 28th

You know, I thought the herbaceous border was the loveliest thing in my garden until I saw you there, Becky. I simply had to write and tell you how much I enjoyed yesterday afternoon. I knew you at once—although you didn't tell me you were so incredibly beautiful! God bless Aunt Muriel and her egg shells! If it hadn't been for her we might never have met. You must tell me when her birthday is and I'll send her a present of a picnic hamper.

When can I see you again? Look here, what about a spot of supper and a film afterwards? Do you like French or Chinese cooking?

Please come—and make it soon.

Mike.

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GOOD MIXERS

Build up a collection of classic knits and you can mix and match to your heart's content. See how our ribbed polo sweater teams equally well with a short-sleeved cardigan or a V-neck pullover

Instructions in 4 sizes

V-necked pullover

MATERIALS: Four 50-gramme balls of Patons Double Plus for the 33- and 35-inch bust sizes; five balls for the 37- and 39-inch bust sizes. For any one size: A pair each of No. 8 and No. 10 knitting needles.

TENSION: Work at a tension of 8 stitches to 1 inch in width and 15 rows to 2 inches in depth, using No. 8 needles, with ribs closed, to obtain the measurements given on right.

ABBREVIATIONS: To be read before working: K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; tog., together; dec., decrease (by taking 2 sts. tog.); single rib is k. 1 and p. 1 alternately; double rib is k. 2 and p. 2 alternately. Note: The instructions are given for the 33-inch bust size. Where they vary, work the figures within the first brackets for the 35-inch bust size; the figures within the second brackets for the 37-inch bust size; the figures within the third brackets for the 39-inch bust size.

THE BACK: With No. 10 needles cast on 127 (135) (143) (151) sts.

Change to No. 8 needles.

1st rib row: K. 2, * p. 1, k. 1; repeat from * until 1 st. remains, k. 1.

2nd rib row: K. 1, * p. 1, k. 1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat these 2 rows 14 times more.

Keeping continuity of the rib, dec. 1 st. at each end of next row and the 3 following 12th rows. **

On 119 (127) (135) (143) sts., work 59 rows.

To shape the armholes: Cast off 8 (10) (12) (14) sts. at beginning of next 2 rows, then dec. 1 st. at each end of next row and following 7 (9) (9) (11) alternate rows.

On 87 (87) (91) (91) sts., work 34 (30) (34) (30) rows.

Now divide sts. for back of neck.

Next row: Rib 24 (24) (26) (26) and leave on a spare needle for left back shoulder, cast off next 39 sts., rib to end and work on these last 24 (24) (26) (26) sts. for the right back shoulder.

The right back shoulder: To slope the neck: Dec. 1 st. at neck edge on each of the next 7 rows.

Cast off remaining 17 (17) (19) (19) sts.

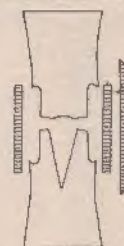
The left back shoulder: Rejoin yarn to inner end of sts. on spare needle and work as right back shoulder to end.

THE FRONT: Work as back to **.

On 119 (127) (135) (143) sts., work 26 rows. Now divide sts. for "V" neck.

Next row: Rib 59 (63) (67) (71) and leave these sts. on a spare needle for right half front, cast off next st., then rib to end and

The easy lines of this pullover fit atop a sweater or blouse equally well.



MEASUREMENTS in inches

To fit bust sizes	33	35	37	39
Side seam—including armhole band	17½	17½	17½	17½
Length	24½	24½	25	25

work on these 59 (63) (67) (71) sts. for the left half front.

The left half front: Dec. 1 st. at end—neck edge—of next row and the following 6 alternate rows, then 1 st. at same edge on the 4 following 4th rows.

On 48 (52) (56) (60) sts., work 3 rows. **To shape the armhole and continue sloping neck edge:** Cast off 8 (10) (12) (14) sts. at beginning of next row then dec. 1 st. at armhole edge on the following 8 (10) (10) (12) alternate rows, and at the same time dec. 1 st. at neck edge on 1st and every following 4th of these rows.

On 27 (26) (28) (27) sts., work 3 rows, then dec. 1 st. at neck edge on next row and the 9 (8) (8) (7) following 4th rows.

On 17 (17) (19) (19) sts., work 2 (2) (6) (6) rows. Cast off in rib.

The right half front: Rejoin yarn to inner end of sts. on spare needle and rib to end, then work as given for left half front to end.

THE ARMHOLE BANDS (both alike): With No. 10 needles cast on 106 (106) (110) (110) sts. loosely.

1st double rib row: K. 2, * p. 2, k. 2; repeat from * to end.

2nd double rib row: P. 2, * k. 2, p. 2; repeat from * to end.

Repeat these 2 rows 3 times, then 1st row again. Cast off in the rib.

THE NECK BAND: With No. 10 needles cast on 206 (206) (210) (210) sts. loosely and work 1st double rib row given for armhole bands.

Maintaining continuity of the double rib, dec. 1 st. at each end of the next 8 rows.

Cast off in the rib.

TO MAKE UP THE PULLOVER: Do not press. Join shoulder and side seams. Join row ends of armhole band together and with this seam to top of side seam, sew cast on edge of band to armhole edge. Join row ends of neck band, then with this seam to centre of front "V", sew cast-on edge of neck band to neck edge.

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Garments in this yarn are easily washable so you can take advantage of the light colours that are often so unpractical. Team lemon and grey, red and white, pale blue and royal, pale green and moss or stone and tangerine. (Turn the page for sweater and jacket instructions).

Short-sleeved cardigan

MATERIALS: Seven 50-gramme balls of Patons Double Plus for the 33- and 35-inch bust sizes; eight balls for the 37- and 39-inch bust sizes. For any one size: a pair of No. 8 knitting needles; a pair of long No. 10 knitting needles; 6 buttons.

TENSION: Work at a tension of 16 stitches and 15 rows to 2 inches, with ribs closed, using No. 8 needles, to obtain the measurements above right.

ABBREVIATIONS: To be read before working: K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; tog., together; dec., decrease (by working 2 sts. tog.); single rib is k. 1 and p. 1 alternately.

Note: The instructions are given for the 33-inch bust size. Where they vary, work the figures within the first brackets for the 35-inch bust size; work the figures within the second brackets for the 37-inch bust size; work the figures within the third brackets for the 39-inch bust size.

THE BACK: With No. 10 needles cast on 131 (139) (147) (155) sts. Change to No. 8 needles and, beginning right-side rows with k. 1 and wrong-side rows with p. 1, work 40 rows in single rib.

Continuing in rib, dec. 1 st. at each end of the next row and every following 12th row until the 4th dec. row has been worked.

On 123 (131) (139) (147) sts. work 65 rows straight.

To shape the armholes: Cast off 6 (7) (8) (9) sts. at the beginning of each of the next 2 rows, then dec. 1 st. at each end of the following 5 rows.

On 101 (107) (113) (119) sts., work 1 row. Dec. 1 st. at each end of the next row and following 2 (3) (4) (5) alternate rows.

On 95 (99) (103) (107) sts., work 43 rows straight.

To slope the shoulders: Cast off 5 sts. at the beginning of each of 8 (6) (4) (2) rows and 6 sts. on the following 2 (4) (6) (8) rows. Cast off remaining 43 (45) (47) (49) sts.

THE LEFT FRONT: With No. 10 needles cast on 65 (69) (73) (77) sts.

Change to No. 8 needles and work 40 rows in single rib as given for back.**

Dec. 1 st. at beginning of next row and every following 12th row until the 4th dec. row has been worked.

On 61 (65) (69) (73) sts., work 65 rows. **To shape the armhole and slope front edge:** 1st row: Cast off 6 (7) (8) (9) sts., work to end. 2nd row: Work to end.

3rd row: Dec., work until 2 sts. remain, dec. 4th row: Work until 2 sts. remain, dec. Repeat 3rd and 4th rows once more, then work 3rd row again.

On 47 (50) (53) (56) sts., work 1 row. Dec. 1 st. at each end of the next row and following 2 (3) (4) (5) alternate rows—41 (42) (43) (44) sts.

*****To continue sloping front edge:** Work 1 row, then dec. 1 st. at front edge on the next row and following 14 alternate rows.

On 26 (27) (28) (29) sts., work 13 rows straight—work 14 rows here on right front—ending at armhole edge.

To slope the shoulders: Cast off 5 sts. at the beginning of the next row; 5 (5) (5) (6) sts. on the following alternate row; 5 (5) (6) (6) sts. on the next alternate row and 5 (6) (6) (6) sts. on the following alternate row. Work 1 row; cast off the remaining 6 sts.

THE RIGHT FRONT: Work as given for left front to **.

Dec. 1 st. at end of the next row and every following 12th row until the 4th dec. row has been worked.

On 61 (65) (69) (73) sts., work 66 rows.

To shape the armhole and slope front edge: 1st row: Cast off 6 (7) (8) (9) sts., work to end.

2nd row: Dec., work until 2 sts. remain, dec.

3rd row: Dec., work to end.

Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows once more—49 (52) (55) (58) sts.

Dec. 1 st. at each end of the next row and following 3 (4) (5) (6) alternate rows—41 (42) (43) (44) sts.

Now work as given for left front from *** to end.

THE SLEEVES (both alike): With No. 10 needles cast on 85 (89) (93) (97) sts.

Change to No. 8 needles and work 90 rows in single rib as given for back.

To shape the sleeve top: Cast off 6 (7) (8) (9) sts. at the beginning of each of the next 2 rows, then dec. 1 st. at each end of the following 5 rows.

On 63 (65) (67) (69) sts., work 1 row, then dec. 1 st. at each end of the next row and following 8 (9) (10) (11) alternate rows.

On 45 sts., work 1 row, then dec. 1 st. at each end of the next 8 rows.

Cast off the remaining 29 sts.

THE BUTTONHOLE BAND: First join shoulder seams. With right side of work facing, join yarn to lower edge of right front and using No. 10 needles, pick up and k. 116 sts. evenly along front edge to 1st front edge dec., 53 (55) (57) (59) sts. along shaped edge, 18 (20) (22) (24) sts. along back neck edge to centre back—187 (191) (195) (199) sts.

1st row: P. 2, * k. 2, p. 2; repeat from * until 1 st. remains, k. 1.

MEASUREMENTS	in inches			
To fit bust size	33	35	37	39
Side seam	19	19	19	18
Length	27½	28	28½	28½
Sleeve seam (not turned back)	12	12	12	12

2nd row: K. 3, * p. 2, k. 2; repeat from * to end.

Repeat these 2 rows once more, then work the 1st row again, ending at lower edge.

1st buttonhole row: Rib 25, * cast off 2, 1 st. left on right-hand needle not included in next item, rib 13; repeat from * 4 times more, cast off 2, rib to end.

2nd buttonhole row: Work in rib casting on 2 sts. over those cast off on previous row. Work a further 4 rows in rib. Cast off.

THE BUTTON BAND: With right side of work facing, rejoin yarn to centre back neck and, using No. 10 needles, pick up and k. 18 (20) (22) (24) sts. along back neck, 53 (55) (57) (59) sts. along shaped edge and 116 sts. along straight edge.

Now work thus:

1st row: K. 1, p. 2, * k. 2, p. 2; repeat from * to end.

2nd row: * K. 2, p. 2; repeat from * until 3 sts. remain, k. 3.

Repeat these 2 rows 4 times more, then work 1st row again.

Cast off.

TO MAKE UP THE CARDIGAN: Do not press. Join sleeve seams on right side for 6½ inches from lower edge for turn back, then join remainder of seam on wrong side. Set in sleeves; join side seams. Join row ends of bands at centre back neck. Sew on buttons.



Ribbed polo sweater

MATERIALS: Seven 50-gramme balls of Patons Double Plus for the 33-inch bust size; seven balls for the 35-inch bust size; eight balls for the 37-inch bust size; eight balls for the 39-inch bust size. For any one size: a pair each of No. 8 and No. 10 knitting needles.

TENSION: Work at a tension of 16 stitches and 15 rows to 2 inches with rib closed, using No. 8 needles, to obtain the measurements given below.

ABBREVIATIONS: To be read before working: K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; tog., together; inc., increase (by working twice into same st.); dec., decrease (by working 2 sts. tog.); single rib is k. 1 and p. 1 alternately.

Note: The instructions are given for the 33-inch bust size. Where they vary, work the figures within the first brackets for the 35-inch bust size; work the figures within the second brackets for the 37-inch bust size; work the figures within the third brackets for the 39-inch bust size.

THE BACK: With No. 10 needles cast on 118 (126) (134) (142) sts.

Change to No. 8 needles.

1st row (right side): P. 2, * k. 2, p. 2; repeat from * to end.

2nd row: K. 2, * p. 2, k. 2; repeat from * to end.

These 2 rows form the rib pattern.

Pattern a further 28 rows.

Maintaining continuity of the rib, dec. 1 st. each end of the next row and every following 12th row until the 4th dec. row has been worked.

On 110 (118) (126) (134) sts. rib 61 rows.

To shape the armholes: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts. at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

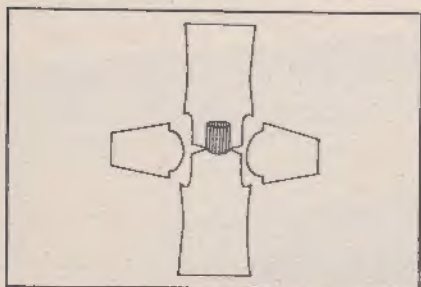
Dec. 1 st. each end of the next 3 (5) (5) (7) rows, then 1 st. each end of the 4 (3) (4) (3) alternate rows. **

On 86 (90) (94) (98) sts. rib 39 (41) (39) (41) rows.

To slope the shoulders: Cast off 5 (5) (6) (6) sts. at the beginning of the next 2 rows, 5 sts. at the beginning of the following 6 rows and 5 (6) (6) (7) sts. at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Leave the remaining 36 (38) (40) (42) sts. on a spare needle.

MEASUREMENTS	in inches			
To fit bust size	33	35	37	39
Side seam	17½	17½	17½	17½
Length	25½	26	26	26½
Sleeve seam	17	17	17	17½



THE FRONT: Work as given for back to **.

On 86 (90) (94) (98) sts. rib 26 (28) (28) rows—ending with a wrong side row.

To divide the sts. for neck: Next row: Rib 34 (35) (36) (38) and leave these sts. on a spare needle for right front shoulder, rib 18 (20) (22) (22) and place these sts. on a st. holder, rib to end and work on these last 34 (35) (36) (38) sts.

The left front shoulder: To shape the neck: Dec. 1 st. at the neck edge on each of the next 6 (6) (7) (9) rows and the following 3 (3) (2) (1) alternate row(s).

On 25 (26) (27) (28) sts. rib nil (nil) (1) (1) row(s).

To slope the shoulder: Cast off 5 (5) (6) (6) sts. at the beginning of the next row and 5 sts. on the 3 following alternate rows.

On 5 (6) (6) (7) sts. rib 1 row.

Cast off in rib.

The right front shoulder: Rejoin yarn to inner end of sts. on spare needle and rib to end.

Now work as left front shoulder to end.

THE SLEEVES (both alike): With No. 10 needles cast on 46 (46) (50) (50) sts. and work 10 rows in rib, as given for back.

Change to No. 8 needles and rib a further 8 rows.

Maintaining continuity of the rib, inc. 1 st. at each end of the next row and the 6 following 6th (4th) (4th) (4th) rows.

On 60 (60) (64) (64) sts. rib 5 rows.

Inc. each end of the next row and every following 6th row until a further 9 (11) (11) (13) inc. rows have been worked.

On 78 (82) (86) (90) sts. rib 21 (21) (21) (13) rows.

To shape the sleeve top: Cast off 5 (6) (7) (8) sts. at beginning of next 2 rows.

Dec. 1 st. at each end of the next 5 rows.

On 58 (60) (62) (64) sts. rib 1 row.

Dec. 1 st. at each end of next row and 8 (9) (9) (10) following alternate rows.

On 40 (40) (42) (42) sts. rib 1 row.

Cast off 2 sts. at the beginning of each of the next 8 rows.

Cast off the remaining 24 (24) (26) (26) sts. in rib.

THE COLLAR: Join right shoulder seam. With right side of work facing, rejoin yarn to left shoulder and using No. 10 needles, pick up and k. 22 sts. from left front neck shaping, k. across 18 (20) (22) (22) sts. at centre front, pick up and k. 22 sts. up right front neck shaping and finally k. across sts. at back neck inc. 4 sts. evenly—102 (106) (110) (112) sts. Work 68 rows in single rib.

Cast off in rib.

TO MAKE UP THE SWEATER: Join left shoulder seam continuing seam across polo collar. Set in sleeves, then join sleeve and side seams. Fold polo collar in half to right side.